

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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1. Argentina

a. Military misgivings over Senate President Guido and his own indecision produced more see-sawing in Buenos Aires yesterday, but by nightfall it had been agreed that he will be installed in Frondizi's place at noon today. A facade of constitutionality has been maintained, but the military get a large say in the composition of the new government as part of the agreement.

b. However, more trouble may be brewing. Much depends on the new regime's decisions on new elections and the status of the Peronists elected in the last one. The Peronists appear determined to hold their gains and their leaders are now converging on Buenos Aires for a strategy session.

c. Latin American reaction to Frondizi's ouster has been critical, Venezuela having already recalled its embassy personnel.

2. Brazilian governor intends new expropriation

A subsidiary of the US-owned American and Foreign Power has been marked as the next target of Rio Grande do Sol's Governor Brizola. Goulart has indicated that he will raise the utilities question during his Washington visit. This new grandstand play by his politically ambitious brother-in-law is not intended to make things easier for him.

3. France-Algeria

a. The government's measures in Algeria have made hardly a dent in colon attitudes and it begins to look as though it will have to pull the OAS out by the roots in order to make its point.

b. Pro-OAS French engineers at the Sahara oil wells are reportedly ready to set fire to the wells if the OAS command gives the word.

c. Security forces in the metropole are beginning to rest easier, however, and signs are now pointing to a strong vote in favor of De Gaulle's policy in the forthcoming referendum.

4. Berlin corridors

Today's schedule calls for 8 Soviet flights in the central corridor during the midday hours.

5. EEC concessions
to Africans

Prospects favor early approval of a proposal which would reconstitute, still on preferential terms, the arrangements, which are about to lapse, linking 16 African countries to the EEC. Other Africans are also expected to be brought in, and the British are asking for similar treatment for the African members of the Commonwealth as a condition for their joining the EEC. Only the Dutch are concerned about the impact of these steps on other underdeveloped areas, particularly Latin America.

6. Afghan-Pakistan
impasse unbroken

Kabul's 2-month time-limit for the passage of US aid shipments across the Afghan border ended yesterday. The deadline found both sides dug in about as deep as ever, with the Afghans demanding restoration of the consular and trade offices as they were before last September's border closure and the Pakistanis saying "no" unless the Afghans retreat on the Pushtoonistan issue.

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7. West New Guinea

a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Dutch forces have clashed with Indonesian infiltrators on the off-shore island of Gag.

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Sukarno overruled a majority of his cabinet and his chief negotiator Malik in ordering suspension of the Washington talks.

c. Ambassador Jones had an appointment with Sukarno scheduled for today, but his report is not yet in.

NOTES

- A. Adoula continues to bristle publicly but there was another meeting with Tshombé yesterday. The UN [redacted] still sees some hope of keeping the talks alive. 50X1
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- B. Venezuelan Communists and some members of the military are talking seriously of a joint putsch against the government. Details of their plans have been passed to the government.
- C. [redacted] 50X1
- D. The Yugoslavs and to a lesser extent the Egyptians are still trying--with very little success--to drum up interest in having an economic conference of underdeveloped countries. The current bait is the idea that a united front must be presented to the Common Market. [redacted] 50X1
- E. The military revolt in southern Ecuador appears to have been quelled, as the government claims, but [redacted] the possibility of impending street clashes between leftist and rightist elements. 50X1
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